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Mr O. D. Thomson applied at the Supreme Court, to-day, before the Chief Justice, for judgment in regard to Miss Stella Bromfield. To-day, said Mr Thomson, had been appointed for the public examination of debtor but she had left the Colony. She had gone to Shanghai.

His Lordship:—It is very wrong of her.

Mr Thomson:—That may be. I have a letter explaining her reasons. She had no money to live on here.

Mr Wakeman:—Debtor has not been called yet, my lord, she may be here.

The Court Usher:—Miss Stella Bromfield!

No answer was forthcoming.

The application was granted and the matter was left in the hands of the Official Receiver.

AMOI NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

February 2.

The Chinese Holidays are over once more, and work has been resumed as usual during the past week. There seems to be a great lack of uniformity as to the mourning for the late Emperor, as many people have shaved while many others have evidently refrained from doing so, to judge by the length of black hair now visible. It will not be before the beginning of the Chinese second moon that everybody will resume their usual appearance. Business is still very dull, in common, apparently, with many other parts of the world. It is to be hoped that business prospects will very materially improve as the year goes on, otherwise it will be a poor look out for many thousands of people all over the world.

AMOI HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the above Society held on January 29th, it was decided to hold a Vegetable Show on Saturday, March 6th. The necessary catalogues are now ready, and may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mr W. Krass, of Messrs. Pasading & Co.

NAVAL NEWS.

Two Japanese Cruisers, the Atsugi and the Oshio, arrived in port on Jan. 20th, from Fochow, and are still here. As a consequence the island of Kulung is overrun with Japanese sailors, though it is only fair to say that they are very well behaved, and give little trouble.

THE KULUNG MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The Report of the year 1908 is now printed and circulated, and forms a most interesting and living document, well worthy of study. The present Secretary and Superintendent of Police has done his work splendidly during the past year, as the Report will show. He refers to the large number of "undesirables" deported to Amoy and Kulung from the Straits Settlement during the year, no less than 287, as well as to many others of various nationalities who were deported from the island of Kulung, as being responsible for a large extent for the many robberies that occurred. His opinion that we need a larger staff of Police is undoubtedly correct, for it cannot be denied that the staff at his disposal is certainly not large enough to cope with all the needs of the island. He does remarkably well with the men he has under him, and the residents have cause for thankfulness that the island is so well looked after.

In consequence of the steps already taken against the Opium habit, only 12 shops were open in December, and one half of these have been closed this Jan., in accordance with arrangements decided upon at the meeting held in June last. The rest are given till the 31st of March 1910, though it is quite likely that some of these may voluntarily close before that date.

The Health Officer's report is also satisfactory. Five deaths of foreigners occurred in the year, and the health of the Chinese population (of which it was estimated that there were about 6800 on the island) was below the average, save during the months of August and September, when a severe epidemic of cholera and dysentery occurred.

The total expenditure for the year under all headings amounted to \$27,571.00, and the estimated expenditure for 1909 amounts to \$26,949.00, which is somewhat under the estimated Revenue.

CHINESE HOLIDAYS OVER.—The country is now almost as usual, and the streets are full of people. The Chinese New Year is over, and the streets are full of people. The Chinese New Year is over, and the streets are full of people.

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SATURDAY, February 13.—
8 p.m.—Devonian Dinner at Hongkong
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SUNDAY, February 14.—
9 p.m.—Performance by Hongkong
Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall.

MONDAY, February 22.—
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1909.

THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

The depression which still hangs so
heavily upon business circles has been
even more acutely felt in the shipping
industry and from every quarter comes
the doleful tidings that 1908 was one
of the "barest years ever known" by
ship-owners and ship-builders.

Mr. John White, the well-known authority,
of No. 23, Great St. Helen's, London,
in his annual shipping report reflects
the depressing condition of affairs and
others but slight consolation, though he
suggests that some good may be reaped
from the bitter experience recently
gained. He says that "the depres-
sion through which shipping has been
passing has had the beneficial effect of
causing many steamship lines, both
British and foreign, and even foreign
companies, amongst themselves, to en-
deavour to terminate the terrible loss of
money that has so often occurred in
wasteful competition. During the year

arrangements, which it is to be hoped
will continue, have been made between
the various important lines in the
Atlantic trade to terminate the rate-
cutting in passenger rates. Similar
peaceful arrangements have been made
in connection with the general cargo
freights between Brazil and the Con-
tinent and United States; in the general
trade between the United States and
West Indies; the United States and
Mediterranean trade; also between large
German companies trading in many
different directions."

The great falling of in business for all
classes of ships is clearly evidenced by
the laying-up of steamers in foreign
ports, such as in the Far East, River
Plate and Mediterranean, many with
their crews on full pay. The tonnage
laid up at home and abroad is
said to have reached the enormous figure
of 1,000,000 tons, and this total in-
cludes only steamers. About 50 Greek
steamers were laid up at one time
in the Piræus, which is proof of the
wretched condition of the Mediterranean
trade, while in Japan even the bigger
companies such as the Nippon Yusen
Kaisha and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha
have been obliged to tie up some of
their large steamers and temporarily
to abandon various of the coasting
services owing to the great drop in
freights following upon the paucity of
cargo offering. Under the circumstances
it is not surprising that shipbuilders
have had little to do. We read that "the
production of the past year in British
yards been about 900,000 tons of
merchant steamers—only a little more
than one-half the production of the
previous year, and much less than one-
half the total in 1906. Of the past
year's production, one-fourth was built
by three yards—viz., Messrs. Harland
& Wolff, Belfast, 106,528 tons; Messrs.
Workman, Clark & Co., Belfast, 50,303
tons; Messrs. Swan, Hunter & Wigham
Richardson, 61,580 tons. The pro-
duction of the past year is the smallest
for 20 years, with the exception of
1903; but it must be remembered this
tonnage deals only with steamers
(as more effective than sailing ships),
although a good proportion repre-
sents special vessels, such as fast
passenger boats, and an increasing
number of oil-carriers—a trade now
employing many steamers. The tonnage
for foreign owners represents a small
amount only of the past year's pro-
duction, and few orders for these owners
have been given during the year.
Foreign owners have suffered equally,
if not more acutely than our owners, in
their various services; indeed, some
orders for new steamers for Continental
account are reported to have been
cancelled. Japanese ship-building and
owning, which developed so rapidly,
has suffered severely, notwithstanding
the large subsidies given by the
Japanese Government."

There is little doubt that the cause of
a good deal of the trouble was the over-
production in the ship-building yards
during the years of plenty. The Russo-
Japanese war had also a disturbing
effect, especially upon the tramp class,
while it is now being clearly perceived
that the policy of heavily subsidizing
national flags in the long run has a most
pernicious effect. But on the whole
an idea is gaining ground that we have
passed through the worst of the
depression and that the inevitable
reaction is setting in, though its effects
will naturally be slow in maturing.

Mr. White, in fact, acknowledges that
the reduced production of shipping
tonnage during the past two years is
quickly assisting to adjust the position
created by the over-supply of several
previous years, during which there was
added to the register twice as much ton-
nage as the requirements of trade called
for. He is therefore of opinion that if
orders continue to be restricted to the
legitimate demands and not speculative
building—which has done so much
harm in the past—the recuperative
power of shipping is bound, as on many
previous occasions, to assert itself with
any improvement in the trade of the
world, which must arrive unimpeded
ocean carriage.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The third edition of the street index by
Mr Arthur Chapman is to hand. As usual
it contains a mass of valuable information.

Mr Maurice E. Bandmann sends us
photographs of the interior of the New
Empire Theatre, Calcutta, of which he is
part proprietor.

A Haiphong newspaper states that
the Governor-General of Indo-China in-
tends shortly to go to Yunnan to formally
open the railway to Mengtze.

The financier and journalist Henry
Hess of Capel Court, London, has been
sentenced to imprisonment for a year for
misappropriation and for making false
statements.

The native sailor who was charged
with wounding a dock boy on the s.s. *Kum
Sang*, a week or two ago, was committed
for trial, by Mr J. H. Kamp, at the Magis-
trate, to-day.

From Messrs Shawan, Tones and Co.
comes the handsome wall calendar adver-
tising the Brookbank line of steamers,
which run a tri-weekly service from
Liverpool to Calcutta.

Router wires from Peking that, as a
result of the remonstrance by the Diplo-
matic body against the Chinese Board of
Communications assuming complete con-
trol of the telegraph office at Peking, the
telegraph offices at Peking and Tientsin are
now in charge of a Foreign Superintendent.

The verdict of the jury on the Russian
anarchist who held up a motor car at Tot-
tenham and then shot himself to escape
capture by the police, was *felo de se*. The
jury directed the Coroner to represent to
the authorities the peril to England
under the existing administration of the
Aliens Act.

With reference to the Calabrian earth-
quake H. E. Tuan Fang, Viceroy at Nan-
king, has consulted his brother Viceroy
and Governors in the coast and riverine
provinces with a view to raising contribu-
tions for the relief of the sufferers, and,
as a result, £2,400 and \$30,000 in all
have been subscribed. This sum has been
forwarded to the Italian Consul at Shang-
hai for remittance and a telegram has been
sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
reporting the matter.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr J. H. Scott, head of the firm of
Messrs Butterfield & Swire, left Shang-
hai on the 30th ult. for Hankow en route
to Peking.

Miss Hesba Stretton, the authoress of
"Jessica's First Prayer" and innumerable
works of this class, is announced. She
first began to write for Charles Dickens in
1859.

Major-General J. C. Dalton, Inspector
of Royal Garrison Artillery, will shortly
arrive in Hongkong to inspect the Royal
Garrison Artillery and the works of defence.
Major General Dalton is a brother-in-law
of Mrs F. H. May.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Price, of Fuhkien,
and Bishop Boulflower, who has succeeded
Bishop Awdry in the missionary diocese of
South Tokyo, arrived in Hongkong this
morning by the P. and O. steamer
Britannia.

A Good Service pension of £300 a year,
having been declined by Admiral Sir
Nathaniel Boddien Smith, has been award-
ed to Admiral Sir William R. Kennedy.
Both these officers took part in the China
operations of 1860-69.

The Chinese Government are reported to
have engaged for six years three Ameri-
can financial experts, Messrs. Hatch,
Gulfoyle, and Grant, who are to devise
means for an issue of Chinese Imperial
money, both in bank notes and coinage.

A PERPETUAL MOTION.

Mr Holbrow made application before
the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott,
at the Supreme Court, this morning, for
an extension of time in a bankruptcy case.

The Chief Justice:—It is a perpetual
extension.

Mr Scott Harston:—Yes, my friend
gave me bona fide reasons for an extension
of time.

The Chief Justice:—It is a perpetual
motion.

The application was granted.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr
Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 4th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer
has fallen rapidly over F. Japan, owing to
the depression which is moving towards
N.E. to the South of Hokkaido.

An anticyclone lies over the Yangtze
Valley and pressure has increased conside-
rably over the China coast and the Loochoos.
Strong monsoon will prevail in the
Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon
to-morrow:—
1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E.
winds, fresh; fair, cloudy.
2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds,
strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hong-
kong and Loochoos: Same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hong-
kong and Loochoos: Same as No. 1.

WORTH MESSRS, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 893, 895, 897, 899, 901, 903, 905, 907, 909, 911, 913, 915, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 929, 931, 933, 935, 937, 939, 941, 943, 945, 947, 949, 951, 953, 955, 957, 959, 961, 963, 965, 967, 969, 971, 973, 975, 977, 979, 981, 983, 985, 987, 989, 991, 993, 995, 997, 999, 1001, 1003, 1005, 1007, 1009, 1011, 1013, 1015, 1017, 1019, 1021, 1023, 1025, 1027, 1029, 1031, 1033, 1035, 1037, 1039, 1041, 1043, 1045, 1047, 1049, 1051, 1053, 1055, 1057, 1059, 1061, 1063, 1065, 1067, 1069, 1071, 1073, 1075, 1077, 1079, 1081, 1083, 1085, 1087, 1089, 1091, 1093, 1095, 1097, 1099, 1101, 1103, 1105, 1107, 1109, 1111, 1113, 1115, 1117, 1119, 1121, 1123, 1125, 1127, 1129, 1131, 1133, 1135, 1137, 1139, 1141, 1143, 1145, 1147, 1149, 1151, 1153, 1155, 1157, 1159, 1161, 1163, 1165, 1167, 1169, 1171, 1173, 1175, 1177, 1179, 1181, 1183, 1185, 1187, 1189, 1191, 1193, 1195, 1197, 1199, 1201, 1203, 1205, 1207, 1209, 1211, 1213, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1221, 1223, 1225, 1227, 1229, 1231, 1233, 1235, 1237, 1239, 1241, 1243, 1245, 1247, 1249, 1251, 1253, 1255, 1257, 1259, 1261, 1263, 1265, 1267, 1269, 1271, 1273, 1275, 1277, 1279, 1281, 1283, 1285, 1287, 1289, 1291, 1293, 1295, 1297, 1299, 1301, 1303, 1305, 1307, 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315, 1317, 1319, 1321, 1323, 132

IMPORTANT BANKRUPTCY JUDGMENT.

Question of Strangers to Bankruptcy.

At the Supreme Court, this morning, the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, delivered an important judgment in the Allan case, affecting the question of strangers to bankruptcy proceedings and dealing with the constitution of the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice said:—A motion has been made in this case which is practically to set aside an assignment made by the bankrupt Allan of his business to Marston, for certain reasons which are set out in the notice of motion. I say practically to set aside, because I am not quite sure that the motion may not require some amendment but a preliminary objection was taken by Mr Hastings on behalf of the purchaser of the business, that this Court sitting in bankruptcy has no jurisdiction to entertain such a motion, and this question was argued on the basis that the motion was as I have described it. The objection stated shortly is this: That this is a question which concerns a stranger to the bankruptcy; that the court of bankruptcy at Home has jurisdiction to decide such a question only in virtue of section 102 of the Bankruptcy Act of 1883; that section has not been introduced into the Colonial Ordinances No 7 of 1891, which is otherwise based on the English act, and that therefore this Court being the bankruptcy side of the Supreme Court, has no jurisdiction. The problem thus raised is one which I have had the greatest difficulty in solving. Section 102 of the Home act gives certain power to the bankruptcy court, which is to decide all questions of priorities, and all other questions of law and fact which may arise in any case of bankruptcy, of which it may deem it necessary or expedient to decide for the purpose of doing complete justice or making a complete distribution of property. This section has been omitted from the Hongkong Ordinances for reasons which are not apparent, and I do not think I have the right to enquire alunde as from the explanatory report made by the Attorney General of the time, what the reasons were which induced him to omit it. But I must seek for the reasons as best I may. He cannot have thought it superfluous, because no law officer in a Colony would take upon himself the great responsibility of so deciding with regard to an important section of such a piece of legislation. But he may have thought it unnecessary in this Colony having special regard to the constitution of the Supreme Court of the Colony, and this is the contention advanced by Mr Hastings in support of the motion. Now it has been assumed throughout the argument that the object of section 102, which was section 72 of the act of 1863, is the only section which confers jurisdiction on the court of bankruptcy against strangers. This is certainly not said in so many words, but it does seem as if there is a consensus of opinion that this is its object, that it is to give the bankruptcy court jurisdiction to decide questions affecting strangers to the bankruptcy, which would otherwise be decided by the other court. Now whatever may be said as to the personal jurisdiction of the judges in England the different jurisdictions of the Supreme Court are well defined, but here everything is vested in the Chief Justice; the Puisne Judge has a co-ordinate jurisdiction, but for all practical purposes the Chief Justice is the justice at common law in equity and in bankruptcy, and the Attorney General of the time may have said "what is the use of saying that the Chief Justice may do one day in bankruptcy what he may do the next day in the same court, with the same staff in original jurisdiction." I do not say that the reasoning is satisfactory and had I been drafting the ordinance I should not have omitted this section because it is desirable to preserve in the Colonial courts as far as possible the forms of the courts at Home. But in order to adopt this reasoning I should have to satisfy myself that there is no provision which preserves here the lines of demarcation of the several jurisdictions of the English courts. Mr Hastings' most ingenious argument in brief is this—By section 4 of the repealed ordinance No 3 of 1868, which dealt with the constitution of the Supreme Court, it is provided that it shall not be necessary to bring any proceeding on the equity side of the court for the purpose of bringing to another court any equitable claim, defence or question incident or collateral or arising out of any proceeding on any other side of the said court, but every such claim may be heard on petition or motion instituted in such last mentioned proceeding. By section 4 of ordinance 5 of 1864, the old bankruptcy ordinance, it was provided that the Supreme Court "shall have jurisdiction in bankruptcy, and the Chief Justice when sitting in bankruptcy shall have all the powers, rights and privileges which are now exercised or enjoyed by him, except where this ordinance otherwise specially provides." The subsequent repealed ordinance 20 of 1891, bankruptcy and 6 of 1901, civil procedure, preserve rights and privileges, etc., jurisdiction or principle, etc., created by the ordinances severally repealed. The argument is this that the court of bankruptcy by 5 of 1864 has the same powers, rights and privileges as the Supreme Court in its original jurisdiction and in this jurisdiction by 3 of 1868 the distinction for the purpose of jurisdiction between equity and common law is abolished, therefore the court in bankruptcy has equity jurisdiction and therefore section 102 is unnecessary because it would confer a jurisdiction "to decide priorities etc," which is already his. It seems to me quite probable that this was in the mind of the Attorney General when drafting the bankruptcy ordinance in 1861, but I hesitate

to adopt it, because 5 of 1864 refers to the "Chief Justice sitting in bankruptcy," and it seems to me that the "powers, rights and privileges," which are conferred upon him when he is sitting in bankruptcy are those personal privileges enjoyed by a judge at common law, as, for example the power to commit for contempt, and from my experience in drafting, I know that it is necessary in order to remove doubts, to confer these old common law privileges on a judge when he is sitting in a newly created jurisdiction. I express this opinion in order to show that I have not overlooked Mr Hastings' argument. I am not positive whether it is the answer to it but in view of the opinion I have formed on the question looked at from another point of view it is not necessary for me to decide the point definitely. I must now look at section 102 a little more closely, and see whether, what I am asked to do in this case, does not fall within the inherent jurisdiction of the Court to carry out the bankruptcy ordinance, with the administration of which it is charged. Ellis v. Silber was much relied on by Mr Hastings, but all it decides is that the jurisdiction conferred on the Bankruptcy Court by section 102, is not an exclusive jurisdiction; and that if proceedings are being taken in the Court of Common Law or Equity, it cannot be said by virtue of this section that they ought to have been brought in bankruptcy. On the other hand it is undoubtedly the fact that in all the cases either this section or its predecessor, section 72 of the Act of 1863, is referred to. But the contention in this case is that the effect of section 102 is to create all the jurisdiction which is necessary to the Bankruptcy Court to deal with a question whenever a stranger is affected. Now, the first thing which strikes one on looking at the section, is the reference to "priorities." It says that every Court having jurisdiction in Bankruptcy under the Act, is to have full power to decide all questions of priorities. Pausing there for a moment, certain priorities over other debts in respect of a certain class of debts—rates, wages, etc.—are created by section 31 of the ordinance, which is to all intents and purposes the same provision as sections 1 and 2 of the Act of 1888, which is added to section 40 of the Act of 1883. Now, as these priorities, which rank among themselves *pari passu*, are determined by the act itself, it seems clear that they are not the priorities referred to in section 102. We must therefore go back to section 9 (2), which is section 10 (2) of our ordinance. That clause provides that the provisions of the section which deal with the effect of a receiving order, are not to affect the power of a secured creditor to realise or otherwise deal with his security. It is obvious that questions of priority may arise among the secured creditors and as they are brought in by the creditors themselves, the court of bankruptcy could have no power of dealing with such questions. Power is given to the court at Home by section 102, to settle these priorities, and hence I think must have arisen the idea that the section confers a power on the court to determine questions affecting strangers for secured creditors, unless they come in, are accurately described as strangers to the bankruptcy; and therefore, by section 102 the court has power to decide the priorities of these creditors among themselves. I am not sure that this does not furnish an answer to the question which has been raised as to the jurisdiction of this court subject to what I have already said. I should have thought it clear that the Chief Justice sitting in bankruptcy could not decide questions of priorities among secured creditors in the absence of a provision resembling section 102. I think therefore that the question arising between strangers to the bankruptcy, which would otherwise be decided by the other court, is not the question of priorities among secured creditors in the absence of a provision resembling section 102. I think therefore that the question arising between strangers to the bankruptcy, which would otherwise be decided by the other court, is not the question of priorities among secured creditors in the absence of a provision resembling section 102. I think therefore that the question arising between strangers to the bankruptcy, which would otherwise be decided by the other court, is not the question of priorities among secured creditors in the absence of a provision resembling section 102.

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TURF TOPICS.

As was anticipated, the Derby candidates that were not galloped yesterday were put over short distances this morning. Though both courses were used, most of the work was done on the outside one, which was dry and fast. Some good times were done.

The following were the times taken:—

OLD FORMS.

Sidder Dhu, one mile and a half, last mile and a quarter, (o), 44, 1.23, 1.59, 2.33, 3.07.

Kilwood, one mile, (o), 36, 1.14, 1.49, 2.21.

Stirrup Cup, three quarters, (o), 35, 1.10, 1.40.

Sudley, three quarters, (o), 35, 1.08, 1.39.

Dunbar, three quarters, (o), 36, 1.11, 1.42.

Feltho, three quarters, (o), 35, 1.07, 1.38.

DERBY CHAMPIONS.

Triad, three quarters, last half, (o), 35, 1.03.

Garth and Catstock, three quarters, (o), 34, 1.04, 1.39.

Dornie, three quarters, (o), 31, 1.04, 1.40.

Missouri, three quarters, (o), —, 1.06, 1.37.

Volga, three quarters, (o), 33, 1.11, 1.43.

Desire, three quarters, (o), 36, 1.10, 1.42.

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFTERS.

Little Dot Rose, three quarters, (o), 36, 1.09, 1.44.

Snaph, one mile, last three quarters, (o), 38, 1.15, 1.49.

Mr Joseph and Mummery, three quarters, (o), 33, 1.07, 1.41.

Bystander, three quarters, (o), 36, 1.10, 1.41.

Hourhand, one mile, (o), 35, 1.15, 1.51, 2.28.

Graystone and Constant, one mile, (o), 40, 1.17, 1.50, 2.25.

Lysman, three quarters, (o), 35, 1.06, 1.41.

Gambler and White Knight, one mile, (o), 38, 1.13, 1.47, 2.21.

Regret, one mile, (o), 36, 1.12, 1.49, 2.23.

Bury, three quarters, (o), 37, 1.14, 1.50.

Gunduck, three quarters, (o), 37, 1.11, 1.43.

Swan, three quarters, (o), 36, 1.11, 1.43.

Asteroid and Wizard Chief, one mile, (o), 33, 1.03, 1.41, 2.10.

CHURCH.

HOW A SOUTH AMERICAN MERCHANT WARDED OFF AN ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA.

THERE is always cause for alarm when a severe cold is accompanied by pain in the chest. Mr H. L. La Grange, who is manager of a store at Jansenville, O.C., believes Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is better than the prescription of a physician. He says: "I had a boy in my employ who had been suffering from cold and a pain in the chest, and got so bad he had to go to bed. I had the doctor attend him and used several other remedies, but he got no better. I finally tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and in a short time he was up and about his work. We sell lots of it in the store. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers."

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SPORTING.

GOLF.

The monthly competition for the Captain's Cup took place at Happy Valley between January 30th and February 1st. The following cards were returned.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

* H. O. R. Boucher ... 32-9-73
Major Close ... 33-5-78
E. F. Mackay ... 35-7-78
G. H. Edwards ... 36-13-78
G. N. Orme ... 32-14-79
H. E. Tomlinson ... 39-9-80
H. B. Bedwell ... 32-9-80
Capt. Murray ... 32-12-81
P. H. Holyoak ... 101-18-83

29 entries.

POOL.

* H. O. R. Boucher ... 32-9-73
Major Close ... 33-5-78
T. S. Forrest ... 32-5-76
M. A. Murray ... 32-5-77
Major Close ... 33-5-78
H. B. Bedwell ... 32-9-80
H. E. Tomlinson ... 32-9-80
Capt. Murray ... 32-12-81

17 entries.

* Winner of Captain's Cup.
* Tie for the pool.

FOOTBALL.

SHIELD COMPETITION.

The Buffs will oppose the R. G. A. eleven at 4 p.m. to-morrow, in the second round of the Hongkong Shield competition. Corp. Lockyer, R.M.L.I., will be the referee.

ELVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION.

The replay of the Lusitano eleven-a-side football competition took place at Causeway Bay on Wednesday evening, between the "B" and "C" teams. A very interesting game resulted in the "C" team winning by one goal to nil.

Rugby Football.

HONGKONG V. N.Y.

The under-mentioned will represent the Hongkong Football Club in a Rugby match on Friday: kick off at 5 p.m., Beck, E. L. Shaw; three quarters, A. Gregory, W. S. Hone, B. E. H. Oliver, A. E. Wood; halves, L. I. Blackburn, I. P. London; forwards, H. G. O. Bailey, F. C. Hall, F. W. Lester, P. Linton, W. B. Stanton, F. W. Thickness, S. P. Warbrook, F. D. E. Wolfe.

Scottish Sport.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

We are half-way through the season, and never was the League in a more level state, the somewhat pronounced tail notwithstanding. At least four clubs have a chance of championship honours—Celtic, Rangers, Dundee, and St. Mirren; and Clyde is hanging on their skirts full of constructive and destructive possibilities. The only district out of it is Edinburgh and the East.

The outstanding incidents since my last letter have been the misfortunes of the Celtic. With an undefeated record since September and their recent performances, it came as a shock to their supporters when they knuckled under to Clyde—a team which has given us not a few surprise turns during the last months. The Celtic, who went off the field with a single goal against them, took it too easy during the first half, and when the goal went against them, they spoiled themselves by over-anxiety to equalise matters. Next they met the Rangers at Ibrox, where they came off well with three to one. But last Saturday they had a defeat from Kilmarnock which has made the sensation of the hour. They still have a little bit in hand, but they are several matches in arrears of the other leaders, and if they are not careful they will come a heavy fall.

Holiday football was responsible for many changes in the table, and for none less than the jump of Clyde to the fifth place. The Wee Clydes are on the war path just now. They completed a sequence of victories on Saturday by wiping out Falkirk; in eight days they have beaten Celtic, Cliftonville, and Aberdeen. The first three wins were obtained away from home.

Dundee has gained four points in two matches. Rangers are going strongly, despite their defeat by their old enemies of the Celtic. St. Mirren are holding their own, and no more, with draws.

RUGBY.

The heavy game men rested for the holidays, as is their habit, with the exception of Hawick. And if Hawick had only known, they would have taken a week-end off. They might have found a more pleasant way of bringing in the New Year than by losing to Heriot's. It is the first blot on their record, and now they stand level with the Watsonians and the Glasgow Academicals. The downcast of the Borders is causing much amusement. There was something so cheeky in a side like Heriot's, which stands pretty near the bottom of the list, going down south to Hawick and beating the "Tories" in their own country. One player remarked that

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it reminded him of the story of David and Goliath.

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A Marathon race was run from Falkirk to Powderhall, Edinburgh, on New Year's Day, and fifty-two competitors took part. The roads unfortunately were muddy, and the going heavy, the after effects of a snow storm. H. St. Ives, a Frenchman, residing in London, was an easy winner of £60 and the challenge cup. He looks about 5 ft. 6 in., and no more than 9 stone; but, apparently, he is game to the core. P. White, Dublin, was second; T. Hynes, Ireland, third; F. Curtis, Ireland, fourth; G. Dunne, Dalston, fifth; and P. J. McCafferty, Tighnabruich, sixth. The Scottish representatives did poorly.

There was also a New Year's Marathon race at the Inch, Perth, over a course of ten miles. Fourteen competitors started. A. M'Phoe, Clydesdale Harriers, was first; John Torrie, Gala and Peebles Harriers, second; and J. S. Matthews, Dundee Thistle, third.

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